
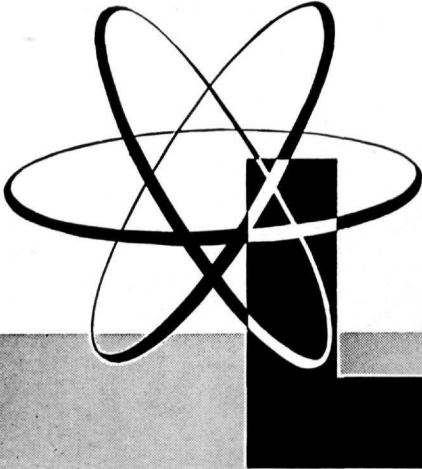


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A Christmas Message

With the close of the year 1956, the Sprague Electric Company has joined the ranks of those few companies which have been able to stay in operation for more than 30 years. That we have reached this significant milestone is due in no small part to the fine efforts and cooperation of our employees. This spirit will do much, we are sure, to help us continue our leadership in engineering, manufacturing and selling electrical and electronic components in the years ahead.

The year 1956 has been a busy one at Sprague Electric, marked by a high level of production and sales volume, but it has also been a year of increased competition in the industry. This highly competitive climate has meant reduced net profits to your Company.

Through a program of "consolidation", successfully carried out during the year and with the cooperation of our employees, we have been able to improve our operating efficiency in recent months.

However, we need to make continued gains in efficiency, as well as to develop and market new products. Among the steps taken during the year was our entry into the manufacture of transistors, and the expansion of our tantalum, magnetics, and industrial oil departments, steps taken to insure that Sprague Electric will retain its leadership as a manufacturer of basic components. We have also laid the groundwork for expanding our sales in the important European market through the purchase of a controlling interest in a small capacitor manufacturing company in Milan, Italy.

To you all we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your fine efforts. We wish for all of you and your families, a most Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

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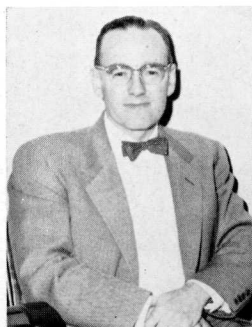
Names in the News

David Peck, head of electrolytic capacitor activities in the R & E department, spoke before the Chicago Section of the Electrochemical Society on November 2nd on the development and applications of aluminum and tantalum electrolytic capacitors.

Leon Podolsky, Technical Assistant to the President of the Sprague Electric Company, has been honored by the Institute of Radio Engineers by election to the grade of Fellow in the Institute.

Harold "Kit" Carson was recently elected President of the "Old Timers" Club at their annual Dinner.

Management Club Additions



James B. Lovett—Joined Sprague in September 1955 as Manager of Systems and Procedures. Previously to joining Sprague, Mr. Lovett was employed by the International Latex Corporation. He is a graduate of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 1934. Mr. Lovett is married to the former Mildred L. Andrews of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

1004th Military Intelligence Needs You!

If you are an Army reserve officer who has just moved to this area, you are invited to join the only army reserve training unit holding training sessions in Northern Berkshire, as a means of acquiring credits for retention in the reserves and for ultimate retirement benefits.

The unit is the 1004th Military Intelligence company which meets on three Monday evenings a month in Room 8 of Stetson Hall, the Williams College Library, in Williamstown.

There are two other army reserve units in this area, Companies B of North Adams and C of Williamstown, 376th Infantry regiment, 94th (Reserve) Division, but they are elements of the ready reserve and their tables of organization provide spaces only for junior infantry officers. The 1004th Military Intelligence Company, as a training unit, has no established table of organization and is open to officers of all grades, arms and services. Since it is not part of the ready reserve, it would not be mobilized as a unit in the event of a national emergency, and its members are not paid for their training time.

Its training work is devoted to military intelligence area studies of critical sections of the world.

Reserve officers interested in the outfit are invited to get in touch with Lieut. Col. Robert R. Washburn of Doanes Lane or Lieut. Col. Roy Lamson of Bulkley Street, Williamstown.



**YOUR CREDIT UNION
WELCOMES YOU**

**AND STANDS READY TO SERVE
YOUR NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR**

Jury Duty

This article was written by Peter Mancuso who is currently serving on jury duty and it is published here as a matter of interest since anyone of age is eligible to serve and of further interest is the fact that the Company now pays differential pay for time spent on jury duty as one of the many benefits offered at Sprague Electric.

"Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!"

"All persons having anything to do before the Honorable Justice of the Superior Court now sitting at Pittsfield, within and for the County of Berkshire, draw near, give your attendance, and you shall be heard. God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." These are the words said by the deputy sheriff at the daily opening of a court session.

The Judge in the case is appointed by the Chief Justice; the appointment schedule is drawn in December for the following year, so that each Judge knows where he will be sitting throughout the year. Each Judge has a stenographer who is appointed by the Chief Justice's secretary, and she stays with the Judge until the session is completed.

There are thirty-two Judges for the Superior Court in the State.

At the beginning of every session there is an invocation by a member of the church to which the Judge belongs. There are four sessions a year, two criminal sessions; one held in January and one in July. Two civil sessions, one held in April and one in October.

The Judge has the power of excusing a jurist from duty. Illness, occupation, age, position, such as police officer, doctor, clergy, lawyer, etc., are excused.

If a jurist is called to serve, he then will not be asked to serve for three more years. But after a jurist has served, his name is sent to Springfield, where he could be drawn for the Supreme Court, and after serving there, his name is sent to Boston, where his name could be drawn for a Federal Court.

There are thirty-two villages, towns or cities in the Berkshires from which the Jury is picked. The jurists are

picked according to the population, one out of every 62 to 100 citizens. The citizens are picked (here in North Adams 250 to 300 names are placed in a box) and then drawn by a Selectman or a Councilman for each session.

In North Adams there are five or six selected for Jury duty. When serving on duty, your services are required for four weeks. If the session is not completed, another group of jurists are picked. The total number of jurists for each session is about forty.

There are twelve jurists to a panel, and two groups are picked. A slip of paper with a number and your name is placed in a miniature rotating barrel of all forty jurists. The clerk of county draws a name to fill the twelve seats. The first jury picked takes the first seat, the second picked takes the second seat, etc. If your name is drawn for the eighth seat, you are the foreman of the Jury. The remaining jurists, not picked on the two panels, remain to fill another panel as soon as a case is settled.

Then the clerk of courts tells the picked panel that this is a case of Mr. John Doe against the Red Cab Company. If any of the jurists are related to either party, has a claim for or against either, is employed by or engaged in business with either, is a stockholder of or is conscious of any bias or prejudice against either, or has any interest in the case; or has expressed or formed an opinion, will be so indicated to the court.

If no one wants to be excused, then the lawyer for the defendant or lawyer for the plaintiff can challenge three jurists apiece for reasons of their own.

When a jurist has been challenged, he is excused from the panel and another jurist's name is drawn from the barrel, and he takes the seat of the challenged jurist.

When both sides of the lawyers are satisfied with the panel, the case then begins.

"Miss December" - -

Decorating our front page this month is blonde Ann Marie Urquhart of Paper Rolling, Beaver Street. A resident of Adams, Ann was born there and enjoys dancing and all sports. She has been with Sprague Electric six years. (Photo by Valiere Vogue Studio.)

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\$64,000 More In Social Security Taxes

An estimated increase of \$64,000 in Social Security taxes will be paid by employees and Sprague Electric next year as a result of amendments in the law signed by President Eisenhower. The law goes into effect on the first of the year.

Presently employees and the Company are both assessed 2 per cent of the pay, up to \$4200 a year, for social security purposes. However, effective January 1, 1957, the tax on each will be hiked to 2 1/4 per cent.

An employee earning \$4200 or more during the year can expect to pay an additional \$10.50 more in 1957 than during the current year. It is estimated that Sprague employees will pay a total increase of \$29,000 in Social Security taxes in 1957. A matching increase will be paid by the Company. Here is an example of what it will cost you and the Company:

Annual Earnings	Present Tax	New Tax
\$2000	\$40	\$45.00
3000	60	67.50
4000	80	90.00
4200 & over	84	94.50

WOMEN CAN NOW DRAW BENEFITS AT 62

Recent amendments to the Social Security Act will enable women to draw benefits three years earlier than under the old law. The following changes were effective November 1, 1956.

WIDOWS — A widow who has reached 62 and whose deceased husband was fully insured under the Social Security Act will be eligible to receive the same widow's benefits as if she were 65. The amount is a maximum of \$81.40 per month or 75 percent of the primary insurance amount of her deceased husband.

DEPENDENT MOTHERS — A dependent mother of an individual who died fully insured and did not leave a widow, widower or unmarried child will be eligible to receive the same benefit at age 62, as she formerly would have received at age 65. This amount is a maximum of \$81.40 per month or 75 per cent of the primary insurance amount of the deceased child.

WORKING WOMEN — A woman who is fully insured may now retire at age 62. Her benefit will be a maximum of \$86.80 per month or 80 percent of the amount she would receive

Frank Sprague -- "who changed the face of virtually every city and town in the land."

Frank Rowsome Jr. has assembled some 300 pictures and 60,000 words in a new tribute to a mode of transportation which is fast becoming extinct in most parts of the nation, except for scattered museums.

"Trolley Car Treasure", published by McGraw-Hill Book Company is delightful reading but of most interest to us is what it has to say about Frank J. Sprague, inventor, and father of Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board, and Julian K. Sprague, President of the Company.

Frank J. Sprague's name belongs with Edison's and Bell's as one of the wizards who helped usher in the age of electricity. According to the book, he not only "fathered the first practical city-wide trolley system, but also modern subway and elevated trains, automatic train-safety controls and high speed electric elevators." The principal reason Frank Sprague did not attain the fame accorded to others was that he did not demand "his name be identified with the products he had made possible."

Mr. Rowsome devotes an entire chapter to Frank Sprague, tracing his life from the time he was a sixteen year old mathematical wizard about to enter the class of 1878 at Annapolis. The text covers his tour of duty in the Navy which included six months of "AWOL"; later association with Edison at Menlo Park where he met

if she were 65. For every month that she delays her retirement after 62 her benefit will be increased by 5/9 of 1 percent of the full amount.

WIVES — A wife of an individual who is receiving old-age insurance benefits may receive a wife's insurance benefit at age 62. The amount is a maximum of 50 percent of \$81.40 per month or 75 percent of the benefit she would draw at age 65. For each month she delays drawing her benefits after 62 the amount will be increased by 25/36 of 1 percent of the benefit she would draw at 65, which is 50 percent of the benefit her husband receives. If a wife or working woman chooses to receive these modified benefits at an early age the amount will not be increased when she reaches age 65.

Suggestions Pay a Christmas Bonus



Three were rewarded for their suggestions this month. None was happier than Marion Babcock of Dry Rolling. Her suggestion for a new method of rolling was applied to one of the oldest company operations, which is proof that no matter how long we produce an item there may still be a better way to do it. Her idea netted her \$120. John Campbell, Manager of Plant Services is pictured awarding Marion her check as her fellow workers Catherine Gigliotti, Theresa Morin, Beatrice Brown, and Anita Gibeau look on.

Other suggestion award winners were: Albert W. LeBeau, Pulse Transformers, for color coding all varnished cores to distinguish between the various sizes. This award was for \$15.00.

Edgar Remillard, Machine Shop, for improving selector doors on automatic capacitor testers. He received an award of \$25.00 for this suggestion.

the "Let's-try-it-and-see-what-happens" approach, completely opposite to his disciplined, academic mind; and the formation of the Sprague Electric Railway and Motor Company which launched in Richmond, Virginia, the first city-wide trolley system. This venture was the opening wedge which "changed the face of practically every city..."

In 1889, his company was merged into the Edison General Electric Company—the forerunner of today's G.E. Mr. Sprague, however, continued independently to invent new and better ways to put energy to work

for man:

1892—helped design a 1,000-horsepower electric locomotive—the world's largest.

1893—Began building high speed electric elevators with revolutionary controls—opened the way for skyscrapers in United States.

1895—Perfected what was possibly his most important invention—a multiple-unit control which controlled a number of electric motors from one single location.

1902—Became consultant on electrification of the New York Central railroad. Also developed the "Dead

Man's Button"—a safety device which shut off power if the motorman should faint or fall asleep.

World War I—Helped design the radically new depth charges and armor piercing projectiles.

1928—Unveiled a system designed to run two separate elevators in the same shaft.

The above achievements have helped open a new world that we take for granted.

"General Electric, Westinghouse, Otis Elevator, and many other firms owe much of their early fame" to the products of Frank J. Sprague's mind.

DISABILITY PENSIONS NOW COVER INDIVIDUALS AT AGE 50

The newly enacted Social Security Amendments provide new benefits for disabled individuals. Two classes of persons will be eligible for these new benefits:

DEPENDENT CHILDREN—Presently a dependent child of an individual entitled to old-age insurance benefits or who died fully insured is no longer eligible for benefits after reaching the age of 18. Starting next January 1st, if the dependent child is totally disabled before reaching that age, he may receive benefits thereafter, generally for as long as the disability continues or until he marries. The amount of his benefit is 50 percent (maximum \$54.25 per month) of the primary benefit of the parent if living, or 75 percent (maximum of \$81.40 per month) of such amount if the parent has died.

DISABLED WORKER — Starting next July 1st an individual covered by social security who is totally disabled and 50 years old or older will be eligible to receive disability benefits equal to the old age benefits he would get if he were 65. The maximum amount is \$108.50 per month. Before he actually starts receiving payments he must furnish proof of his disability and that it has existed for at least six months. He also must accept rehabilitation services or his benefits may be cut off.

Starting January 1, 1957, a special social security tax of one-half of 1 percent will be levied to finance these new benefits. The amount collected from the new tax will go to a separate disability fund to provide disability payments only. The employee will pay one-quarter of 1 percent on the first \$4200 of annual wages and the employer will pay a like amount. This tax is added to the present social security tax of two percent on employee and employer. Each will pay up to \$94.50 per year in total social security taxes instead of \$84. now being paid.

(Included in this issue of the Log, you will find a small pamphlet explaining the new provisions of the Social Security Law. This is provided so that you may have a handy reference.)



Sprague Hunters Make a Killing

Though many Sprague employees took to the local woods during the deer season, few can top the accomplishments of S. Newton Peck of maintenance and Maggio P. Pechini of Research and Engineering.

Newton Peck and his brother Milford (above left) while deer hunting in Drury brought down a seven foot bear which weighed close to 275 lbs. The brothers fired four shots to stop the bear after it had charged them when hit by a slug from Newton's rented and sightless gun.

Making hunting a real sport, Maggio Pechini took to the woods with bow and arrow. Not one to waste time, Maggio got himself a nice trophy—an 11 point buck.



"LOG" Cops an "Oscar"



Donald Houghton, Boy Scout District Director for Berkshire County, admires the certificate and statuette held by Kenneth S. Brown, Manager of Publications.

This award was presented to the Log for its picture story, "Sprague Employees Help Put New Meaning Into Scouting's 'Be Prepared'" which appeared in the October issue. This story was entered in the Good Turn Contest sponsored by Region I (New England Area) of the Boy Scouts of America. Its purpose was to awaken the public as to the needs of Scouting during the recent Community Chest and United Fund drives.

The Award for the Log story, which took first place in the "picture-feature class" for industrial newspapers, was presented to Mr. Brown at the December meeting of the Massachusetts Industrial Editors Association in Boston.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS



General Salvage

by Herbert Hafner

William Cooper, truck driver, recently took his vacation which he spent deer hunting in Vermont. No Luck. William Douglas also had a chance at the deer in Vermont, but he came back empty handed also. . . Thomas De Santy spent a week in New York City seeing the sights and attending some shows. . . Walter Maynard is going to try to show up the other nimrods in our Dept. by getting a deer in Mass. Hope he has better luck.

Industrial Oil Cover Assembly

by Isabel Witherow & Ann O'Dell

Congratulations to Barbara Crandell who received her twenty year pin. Congratulations are also in order to those receiving their fifteen year pins: Daisy Meland, Aime Morin and Henry Armata. Martha Davis received her ten year pin and Alexander Murach his five year pin. Congratulations to all! . . . Welcome to our new foreman, Leonard Lewitt from us all. Sure hope he will like working with us. . . We are all very sorry to see Kenny Russell leave us as we certainly enjoyed working for him. . . We all wish a speedy recovery to Kate Field's husband and hope to have Kate back working with us very soon. . . Barbara is leaving for Florida on her vacation. Hope she has a wonderful time. . . We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Clorinol

by Dot LaDue

Hi Again! Well, Christmas is almost here again. Some of the girls have already dropped a hint as to what they would like. Boy, the jewelers are certainly going to sell a lot of diamonds, we hope! . . . We are planning a Christmas party and I hope we all have as good a time as we did last year. All the girls are expecting a certain fellow to be there so that they can really dance. See you, Jessy, I think. . . A big welcome goes to all the new girls, glad to have you with us. . . Well I guess that is it for this month, so to all of you, from all of us, A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Small Orders and Samples

by Millie Conroy

Hi Everyone. . . The Holiday Season is upon us again and we sincerely hope it will be a truly Happy One for all. . . If Helen Murphy's son Joe can come home and Della Pilling's son Raymond gets here, it is sure to be a Merry Christmas for them. They are both in the Navy and haven't been home since April. . . Glad to see Sally Tallarico back with us again after her recent illness. . . We all missed her. . . Alice Beer and Belle Dow spent a gala week-end in Boston recently and the following Monday was certainly a very long day for them. . . If you know of any TV station looking for talent, we have it all combined in one person—Margaret Perreault. . . Hi Joe Murphy, hope you are feeling much better. . . Paul Martelle returned from his visit to his girl in Vermont a very happy fellow. It must be love! . . . Gladys Lampiasi is giving lessons in "How to Play Rummy". . . Frank Goloski, our right hand man is looking forward to the hunting season—he has his hand warmer already.

Industrial Rolling

by Erminia Sweeney

Someone has tacked a new name on Fran. Delisle, the "man with a smile". Honestly? . . . Helen Unis got a pleasant surprise the other day, it being her birthday. She put a quarter in the cigarette machine and out came a book of matches wishing her "Happy Birthday". . . Evelyn Laliberte has returned from her vacation looking pretty chipper. . . Well as the Holiday Season approaches, all the girls in the new cooler send best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all and most especially to those on the sick list: Bert Raymond, Goldie Shea and Rita Fournier. A hearty welcome is extended to the new girls in the dept.: Esther Critelli, Cecilia Maxymillian, Alda Wood and Arvilla Williams. . . We are glad that Helen Falco is back and feeling better. . . Fran Delisle is spending his vacation deer hunting.

Network and LCC Lines

by Irene Pigeon

Welcome back to Rose Walczek, Angie Pontier and Eleanor DiSanti. . . Hunting season is upon us again and two of our avid hunters Francis Gannon and Harold Bush spent their vacation pursuing deer. . . The reason why Clara Lescarbeau has been beaming so broadly lately is because her son Joe is returning home from Korea to spend the holidays with his family. Joe formerly worked at Sprague's before entering the Service. . . Stella Charbonneau hit the jack-pot. We are all pitching in and are going to give her a money bag for all her winnings. . . Your reporter wants to wish each and everyone in our department a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Ind. Oils Assembly

by Dorothy Shea

"Mandy" Daniels is temporarily doing the desk work while Evelyn Davis is on sick leave. You are doing very well so far "Mandy". . . "Ceil" Maxymillian has been transferred to Sandia. We all miss you "Ceil". . . Our room Christmas Party which was held on December 20th at the "Fire-side" was really a very Merry Affair. Your reporter is spending her two weeks vacation at home.

Sandia Coolers

by Dorothy Bell Baker

It was with sadness we said good-bye to Ann Fortin and Isabelle DiSanti, we hope it won't be for long girls. . . All the girls of the Sandia Coolers wish to welcome our new boss Stanley Bagdon, we hope the stay will be long and pleasant, Stanley. . . As this goes to press we are all busy with our Christmas shopping. . . We celebrated two birthdays with a cake baked for Eleanor Alibozek by Vi McClelland, and Rita Zioto with a cake baked by Frances Pitonak, both girls were given figurines. . . Any one wishing to crochet a hat see Vi McClelland for the directions. . . Rose Murray is very busy moving, we hope you like your new home Rose. . . We have all heard of Harvey the rabbit, but have you heard of Rita Charron's new yellow convertible the girls have given her. Well it's a Harvey too. . . Emma Gould is having trouble these days getting out of her garage. What's the trouble Emma, don't you like to shovel snow?

Hi-Quality Line

by Mae O'Neil

First of all we would like to say Hi! and Welcome to our New Foreman, Stan Bagdon. Sure hope you can cope with us Stan. The Welcome mat is also out for Isabelle De Santi

and Ann Fortin who are our two new rollers. . . Birthday wishes went to Alice Lunney on Dec. 5th. How does it feel to be 21 Alice? . . . What chance a pedestrian has is gone now. Betty De Mers has just got her license.



Paper Rolling

by Frances Miles

Hi—it's sure been a long time. . . We extend our welcome mat to Claire Fitzpatrick, Phil Nimmons, Carmela Tassone and Nabbie Skorupski. . . Eva King seems to favor the shades of black and blue lately. . . Lil Crandall had her hair fixed especially for the recent picture taking that went on in our room. . . Everyone is anxiously awaiting our annual Christmas party and anticipating a lot of fun. It's being held at the Fireside in Cheshire. Don't forget your grab bag gift, girls! . . . Julie Gattuso is planning on spending her vacation visiting her son-in-law and daughter in North Carolina and to see her little grandson. Enjoy yourself, Julie. . . Mary Valazza is quite a do-nut fancier, judging from the big bag full she brings in every morning. . . Tillie Mendel has a new addition to her household—a puppy who answers to the name of "Skippy". . . We would like to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miscellaneous Paper Finish

by Gertrude Noel

Glad to hear Rose Bombardier's father is well on the road to recovery after recently being hospitalized. . . We bid a sad farewell to Margaret Accetta, Frances Gayda and Betty Poirot. Hope it won't be too long before you are back with us again. . . Maud Waska spent the last of her three weeks vacation at home trying to catch up on things that pile up on us working girls. . . Edna Cwertniciech's young son, Billy had his first taste of deer hunting in Vermont. However, he wasn't one of the lucky ones, nor was Ray Guyette included among the deerlayers. . . Congratulations to Lil Peck's husband, who bagged a 250 pound bear in Florida, Mass. . . Bea Pierce's parents recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows and enjoyed a party planned by their eight children. . . Theresa Garafano finds herself in a grammar school refresher course while helping her young daughter, Linda, with the weighty problems of a fourth grader. . . We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

Hi-Reliability

by Marion Andrews

Your reporters would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. . . At this time everyone is busy doing their Christmas shopping. There is nothing like Christmas when there are small children in the family. It's interesting to hear mothers in our department telling some of their stories about what their children want for Christmas. . . Dot Davis's son, Donald, was appointed Assistant Editor at Wentworth Institute at Boston. Dot couldn't figure out where she left her cookies she had bought, she discovered them two days later on the window sill at work. She said they were still good.

. . . We are glad to see Elsie Summer back after her leave. . . We hope to see Lorraine Andrews back soon from her leave and also Florence Carnso who went to the hospital for observation. Best of Luck Florence. . . Viola Tanguay's daughter Norma from State College, Penn. visited her recently. Her son who is in the Navy also visited her before sailing on a cruise. . . If you go out New Year's Eve please drive carefully. The life you save may be your own.

Hi-Reliability

by Valerie Piantoni

Claire Cantoni spent her vacation in Waterbury, Conn. . . The girls are happy to see Tootie Choquette who is back from her leave of absence. . . Thelma Bissailon's daughter, Lois Hescock of Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting here. . . Dottie Wolkowicz has left us for a position on Marshall Street. Good Luck Dottie. We know you'll make out very well. . . Almost everyone in the room was dieting just to be able to fit in their party dresses. The Christmas party was December 13th.

Misc. Paper Assembly

by Adelle Solari

Well it seems we have two fifteen year members in our department. They are Mary Zoto and Theresa Vono. They both attended the fifteen year dinner at Petey's and had a wonderful time even though Mary was terribly frightened by the Magician's imitation snake. She still talks about it. . . Vacations are still in order in our Dept. Dolores Bailey just recently spent one week at home. Yours truly will be spending the last week of her vacation at home making last minute preparations for Christmas. . . Well it's almost Christmas once more and everyone is busy buying things and rushing around and although it seems like a lot of work, it's really the most beautiful holiday of the year and when everyone is happy it's well worth the effort. I am taking this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bathtub Assembly

by Jessie Meczywar

On Nov. 19, Connie Urbano celebrated her birthday. A few of her friends helped her celebrate by presenting her with a gift. Many happy returns of the day. . . On Nov. 28th Frances Roy and her husband Freddie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Her friends of BTA completely surprised her by arranging a beautiful dinner including a cake and an appropriate gift. Congratulations to both of you. . . It's good-by for a while to Carl Briggs who left us to join Uncle Sam. We will all miss you. . . Sincerely wishing each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Block Annex

by Doris Williams

Well, here we are just getting over one big meal (Thanksgiving) and planning what to have for Christmas. . . The main topic these days is what to buy and who to buy it for. Christmas is the one season of the year when without a doubt our thoughts turn to others, is it not? Especially at this time of year we can all do a little "something" for someone else. Personally, I'm thinking of the hours ahead when we of the Salvation Army will be doing our share in manning the Christmas Booth and kettles, pre-

paring Sunshine baskets for the hospitalized and bringing cheer and comfort where it is needed most. To each of you, may I extend the heartiest of Season's Greetings—hoping that you may all have the merriest of Christmases.

Pulse Transformers

by Cora Ryan and Jean MacDonald

The old Christmas Spirit seemed to touch everyone this year. It has reigned supreme with Eva Gaudette since June. How about a full week? . . . Clara Belleau and Cora Ryan received their gifts from Santa early. Clara an automatic washer and Cora a camp at Cheshire Lake. . . Welcome home to all the sons and daughters who are in college and the armed services and are spending their holidays with their families. . . Verna Goodwin would like a crutch from Santa because of her broken foot. Hope you are feeling up to par soon. . . Lillian LaPlante, our check inspector, wishes for everything from Kris Kringle except rejects. . . Anna St. Cyr has more dented fenders than anyone we know, Santa. How about giving her two new ones for Christmas? . . . Speaking of dented fenders, did you know that Stella Bastian was fined \$2.00 for failing to observe a stop sign. Maybe her mind was on other things like her new grandson weighing in at 8 lbs. and 6 ozs. . . We are all glad to hear that Blanche Harris's husband is now out of the hospital. . . Maude Jones recently spent a pleasant week-end in Boston. . . Best wishes to Ruth Roy, daughter of Mary Roy, who is to be married on December 29th. . . Group parties for Margaret Perreault and Mary Bua celebrating their birthdays were enjoyed by all. . . A happy trip to Rena Smith who is traveling to California to attend her son's wedding on December 21st. . . Vacations were recently enjoyed by Emily Rogowski, Blanche Bednarz and Mary Carnohan. Lucky girls—we already had ours. . . Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Metal Clad Finish

by Veronica Sobon & Emma Alongi

Because everyone is busy during this Holiday Season, there isn't any real news to report, but we want to use this column to announce that starting with the January Log issue, this department will have a new reporter, Ada Blair, who is a clerk in the stockroom. . . Your reporters, Veronica and Emma, wish to thank the girls in the department for their fine cooperation in the past and know that the same cooperation will be forthcoming for the new reporter. . . We would like to wish a Very Merry Christmas to all!



Centrifuge Department

by Dom Pisano

Alfred Rivers has left for private employment. A gift was presented him by the Centrifuge and Packing Departments. Good Luck, Al. . . Harry Embry Sr. went to Bangor, Maine for the Thanksgiving holiday. . . Oliver O'Dell has gone on a diet and lost 10 lbs. to date. Don't starve yourself, Oliver. . . December's end is very near, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mr. Payson's Satirical Christmas



by George Ade

(Drawings by Sylvia Orell)

MR. SIDNEY PAYSON was full of the bitterness of Christmas-tide. Mr. Payson was the kind of man who loved to tell invalids that they were not looking as well as usual, and who frightened young husbands by predicting that they would regret having married. He seldom put the seal of approval on any human undertaking. It was a matter of pride with him that he never failed to find the sinister motive for the act which other people applauded. Some of his pious friends used to say that Satan had got the upper hand with him, but there were others who indicated that it might be Bile.

Think of the seething wrath and the sense of humiliation with which Mr. Payson set about his Christmas shopping! In the first place, to go shopping for Christmas-presents was the most conventional thing anyone could do, and Mr. Payson hated conventionalities. For another thing, the giving of Christmas presents carried with it some testimony of affection, and Mr. Payson regarded any display of affection as one of the crude symptoms of barbarous taste.

If he could have assembled his relatives at a Christmas gathering and opened a few old family wounds, reminding his brother and his two sisters of some of their youthful follies, thus shaming them before the children, Mr. Sidney Payson might have managed to make out a rather merry Christmas. Instead of that, he was condemned to go out and purchase gifts and be as cheaply idiotic as the other wretched mortals with whom he was being carried along. No wonder that he chafed and rebelled and vainly wished that he could hang crepe on every Christmas tree in the universe.

Mr. Sidney Payson hated his task and was puzzled by it. After wandering through two stores and looking in at twenty windows he had been unable to make one selection. It seemed to him that all the articles offered for sale were singularly and uniformly inappropriate. The custom of giving was a farce in itself, and the store-keepers had done what they could to make it a sickening travesty.

"I'll go ahead and buy a lot of things at haphazard," he said to himself. "I don't care a hang whether they are appropriate or not."

At that moment he had an inspiration. It was an inspiration which could have come to no one except Mr. Sidney Payson. It promised a speedy end to shopping hardships. It guaranteed him a Christmas to his own liking.

He was bound by family custom to buy Christmas presents for his relatives. He had promised his sister that he would remember everyone on the list. But he was under no obligation to give presents that would be welcome. Why not give to each of his relatives some present which would be entirely useless, inappropriate, and superfluous? It would serve them right for involving him in the childish performances of the Christmas season. It would be a burlesque on the whole nonsensicality of Christmas-giving. It would irritate and chastise his relatives and probably deepen their hatred of him. At any rate, it would be a satire on a silly tradition and, thank goodness, it wouldn't be conventional.

Mr. Sidney Payson went into the first department store and found himself at the book counter.

"Have you any work which would be suitable for an elderly gentleman of studious habits and deep religious convictions?" he asked.

"We have here the works of Flavius Josephus in two volumes," replied the young woman.

"All right; I'll take them," he said. "I want them for my nephew, Fred. He likes Indian stories."

The salesgirl looked at him wonderingly.

"Now, then, I want a love-story," said Mr. Payson. "I have a maiden sister who is president of a Ruskin club and writes essays about Buddhism. I want to give her a book that tells about a girl named Mabel who is loved by Sir Hextor Something-or-Other. Give me a book that is full of hugs and kisses and heaving bosoms and all that sort of rot. Get just as far away from Ibsen and Howells and Henry James as you can possibly get."

"Here is a book that all the girls in the store say is very good," replied the young woman. "It is called 'Virgie's Betrothal'; or, the 'Stranger at Birchwood Manor.' It's by Imogene Sybil Beauclerc."

"If it's what it sounds to be, it's just what I want," said Payson, showing his teeth at the young woman with a devilish glee. "You say the girls here in the store like it?"

"Yes; Miss Simmons, in the handkerchief-box department, says it's just grand."

"Ha! All right! I'll take it."

He felt his happiness rising as he went out of the store. The joy shone in his face as he stood at the skate counter.

"I have a brother who is forty-six years old and rather fat," he said to the salesman. "I don't suppose he's been on the ice in twenty-five years. He wears a number 9 shoe. Give me a pair of skates for him."

A few minutes later he stood at the silk counter.

"What are those things?" he asked, pointing to some gaily colored silks



folded in boxes.

"Those are scarfs."

"Well, if you've got one that has all the colors of the rainbow in it, I'll take it. I want one with lots of yellow and red and green in it. I want something that you can hear across the street. You see, I have a sister who prides herself on her quiet taste. Her costumes are marked by what you call 'unobtrusive elegance.' I think she'd rather die than wear one of those things, so I want the biggest and noisiest one in the whole lot."

The girl didn't know what to make of Mr. Payson's strange remarks, but she was too busy to be kept wondering.

Mr. Payson's sister's husband is the president of a church temperance society, so Mr. Payson bought him a buckhorn corkscrew.

There was one more present to buy.

"Let me see," said Mr. Payson. "What is there that could be of no earthly use to a girl six years old?"

Even as he spoke his eyes fell on a sign: "Bargain sale of neckwear."

"I don't believe she would care for cravats," he said. "I think I'll buy some for her."

He saw a box of large cravats marked "25 cents each." "Why are those so cheap?" he asked.

"Well, to tell the truth, they're out of style."

"That's good. I want eight of them—oh, any eight will do.

I want them for a small niece of mine—a little girl about six years old."

Without indicating the least surprise, the salesman wrapped up the cravats.

Letters received by Mr. Sidney Payson in acknowledgment of his Christmas presents:

I

"Dear Brother:

"Pardon me for not having acknowledged the receipt of your Christmas present. The fact is that since the skates came I have been devoting so much of my time to the re-acquiring of one of my early accomplishments that I have not had much time for writing. I wish I could express to you the delight that I felt when I opened the box and saw that you had sent me a pair of skates. It was just as if you had said to me: 'Will, my boy, some people may think that you are getting on in years, but I know that you're not.' I suddenly remembered that the presents which I have been receiving for several Christmases were intended for an old man. I have received easy-chairs, slippers, mufflers, smoking-jackets, and the like. When I received the pair of skates from you

I felt that twenty years had been lifted off my shoulders. How in the world did you ever happen to think of them? Did you really believe that my skating days were not over? Well, they're not! I went to the pond in the park on Christmas day and worked at it for two hours and I had a lot of fun. My ankles were rather weak and I fell down twice, fortunately without any serious damage to myself or the ice, but I managed to go through the motions, and before I left I skated with a smashing pretty girl. Well, Sid, I have you to thank. I never would have ventured on skates again if it had not been for you. I was a little stiff yesterday, but this morning I went out again and had a dandy time. I owe the renewal of my youth to you. Thank you many times, and believe me to be, as ever, your affectionate brother, William."

II

"Dear Brother:

"The secret is out! I suspected it all the time! It is needless for you to offer denial. Sometimes when you have acted the cynic I have almost believed that you were sincere, but each time I have been relieved to observe in you something which told me that underneath your assumed indifference there was a genial current of the romantic sentiment of the youth and the lover. How can I be in doubt after receiving a little book—a love story?"

"I knew, Sidney dear, that you would remember me at Christmas. You have always been the soul of thoughtfulness, especially to those of us who understood you. I must confess, however, that I expected you to do the deadly conventional thing and send me something heavy and serious. I knew it would be a book. All my friends send me books. That comes of being president of a literary club. But you are the only one, Sidney, who had the rare and kindly judgement to appeal to the woman and not the club president. Because I am interested in a serious literary movement it need not follow that I want my whole life to be overshadowed by the giants of the kingdom of letters. Although I would not dare confess it to Mrs. Peabody or Mrs. Hutchens, there are times when I like to spend an afternoon with an old-fashioned love story."

"You are a bachelor, Sidney, and as for me, I have long since ceased to blush at the casual mention of 'old maid.' It was not for us to know the bitter-sweet experience of courtship and marriage, and you will remember that we have sometimes pined the headlong infatuation of sweet-hearts and have felt rather superior in our freedom. And yet, Sidney, if we chose to be perfectly candid with each other, I dare say that both of us would confess to having known something about that which men call love. We might confess that we had felt its subtle influence, at times and places, and with a stirring uneasiness, as one detects a draught. We might go so far as to admit that sometimes we pause in our lonely lives and wonder what might have been and whether it would not have been better, after all. I am afraid that I am writing like a sentimental school-girl, but you must know that I have been reading your charming little book, and it has come to me as a message from you. Is it not really a confession, Sidney?"

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Filter Development Coil Winding Room

by Jeannette Cady

Welcome back Betty Battersby. Glad to have you home—once more. While we're at it we would like to wish you a happy birthday and hope you enjoy many more. . . Stella Beauchamp was awarded her 20 year pin at the banquet, and she also won a bottle of champagne as the door prize. She had as her guest Virginia Delisle. Lucy Kenney was the guest of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Kenney. They had their picture taken at the banquet and let me tell you it's a picture no artist could paint. . . Rose O'Brien is now classified as a coil winder. She is learning and seems to be doing a good job. Keep it up, Rose, you'll make the grade yet. . . It seems good to have it a little quiet in our room now after all the noise the maintenance men have been making. Maybe someday they will finish the job and we'll be rid of them. . . Everyone seems to be very busy these days trying to get a little shopping done whenever they have a few spare minutes. No getting away from it, there sure is a lot to do to prepare for Christmas, but we would miss it if we couldn't do these little things. . . There isn't too much more to say so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Prosperous New Year.

Prokar and Polyester Impregnation

by Reginald Rowett

Your reporter wishes to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Maintenance

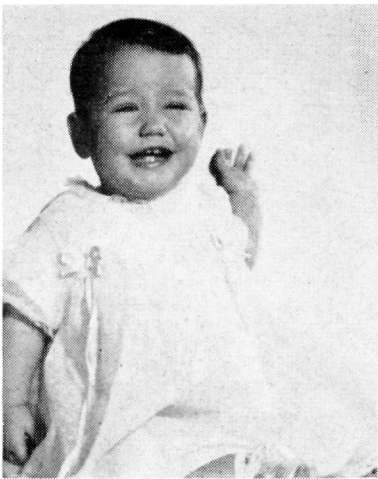
by Judith Kelyer

Well everyone is back to the old routine after enjoying their Thanksgiving feast. Hope you still have room for more at Christmas time. It should be all worked off by then, how about it boys? How many of you will have some venison??? Hope you have better luck this year. . . Our vacation schedule is quite heavy with deer hunters this month. In the Carpenter Shop we have Brownie Sojkowski, Harold Chilson, Bob Martelle, Frank Maroni and Al Shepard trying their luck with the foxy beasts. The Sheetmetal has one lonely hunter, anyone care to join Forist McLain? Maybe his new son would, how about that Forist?? . . . The Beaver Street Maint. is sending out its delegation to try their luck, Good Luck to you Bill Kaczowski and Felix Lemieux, Joseph Garceau and Angelo Berasi. Wish you all Luck in catching a Buck. . . We are on the Production line here in the Maintenance Department! At this time I would like to extend our congratulations to the proud fathers Bob Martelle, a son, Forist McLain also a son and Fred Bennett a bouncing baby girl. . . Well Christmas, our gayest Holiday is just around the corner and everyone is bustling around trying to rack their brains, what to give Aunt Martha or Uncle Joe, they end up saying that they have everything and it is so hard to buy for them. It isn't the price you pay for it, it's the thought behind the gift. . . Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Ceramics

by Ida Gigliotti and Lee Grillone

We trust everyone had a happy and plentiful Thanksgiving Day, as for myself and most of the other cooks, we have exhausted all of the well known recipes for leftover turkey and glad at the moment to see the last of the old gobbler. . . Welcome back to Mae Riordan after being hospitalized. We're very glad to see her looking so well and feeling fine again. . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery from her burns go to Julia Martin, and to Sophie Duda who has been out be-



Happy, healthy, and good looking are the children of Peggy Moreau, Metal Clad, Beaver. "They are l. to r. Anne Marie, 7 mos.; John 6; Dennis, 10; and Eddie, 12.



cause of illness, the girls hope you'll be well enough to be back with us soon. . . The Christmas spirit is lacking this year and up to now the happy anticipating usually associated with the Christmas holiday, we hope that the feeling will change as the holiday draws near. . . I want to extend in behalf of myself and co-reporter and the Ceramic Department a wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Executive Offices

by Lois LaCasse

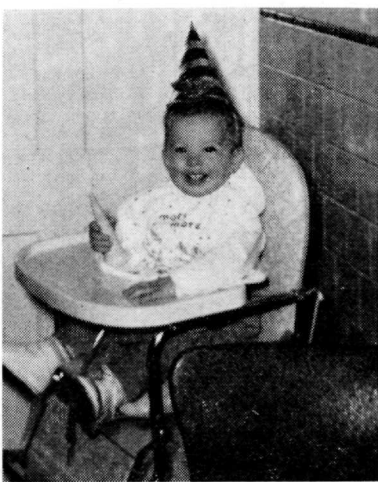
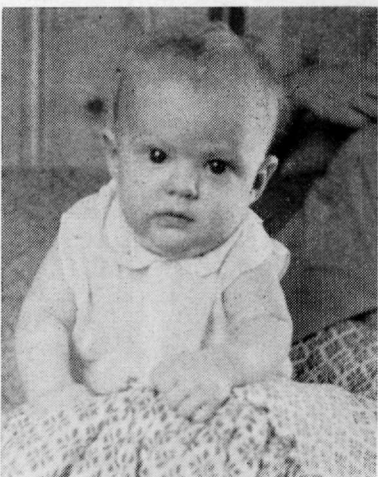
As we are reading this our thoughts will be on Christmas wrappings, tree trimmings, Christmas Carols and of course Christmas dinner with all the fixings; however, it is a little bit taxing to write of this, especially of a big Christmas Dinner when we have just about gotten over our Thanksgiving holiday. . . Everyone enjoyed the day of Thanksgiving and managed not to overeat—hope we can manage to do likewise over the Christmas holidays. . . Joan Ziter prepared her first turkey dinner and from all reports, we are all busy now conniving ways to be invited to Joan's for Christmas. . . Everyone has agreed that it would be nice to be a little girl or boy again—then we could receive from Santa Claus the beautiful doll and costumes that Santa is bringing to Fran Therrien's little Jean Ann and for a pastime we would all enjoy the Robots that Jean Godfrey ordered Santa to bring her nephews. . . I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the office a Merry, Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year, which they all deserve.

Production Engineering

by Barb Martin & Joan O'Neil

Mary Jane Boucher and Betty Loncto who used to work in the Blueprint Dept. have joined us in Production Eng. . . What happened to Ceil Lescarbeau, she used to be the shyest girl in the office, but now we can't shut her up. You've been drinking giggle water Ceil. . . A happy and very full Thanksgiving was enjoyed by everyone in the P. E. Department. . . Claire Farinon's antenna

"I just don't understand—" tiny 3 months old daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Ted Perras, USAF currently in Arizona, and granddaughter of Clem Perras of Western Electric and Misc. Drys.



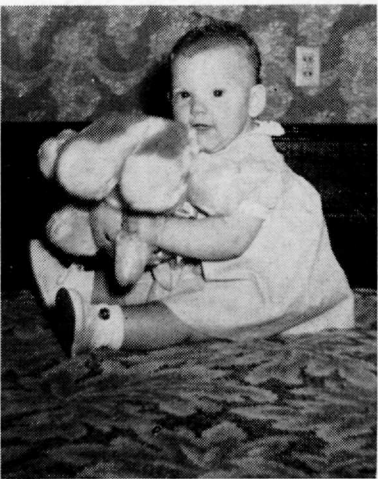
"Happy New Year!" says cute little Susan Wood, 1 year old, daughter of Walter, Western Electric, and Katherine Wood, R.N.

brings in different bits of information loud and clear. What channel do you operate on Claire? . . . That's all for now gang, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Quality Control

by Esther Holloway & Ella Dunsmore

At Marshall Street, we would like to offer congratulations to Chuck Wilson and Joe Cusson who each



Little Wendy McGlynn is the 9 months old daughter of Joe, Machine Shop, and a niece of Nancy Doan, of Prokar Polyester Impregnation Department.

Forming a nice photograph are the children of Ann Gentile of High Quality—Richard and Rosanne.



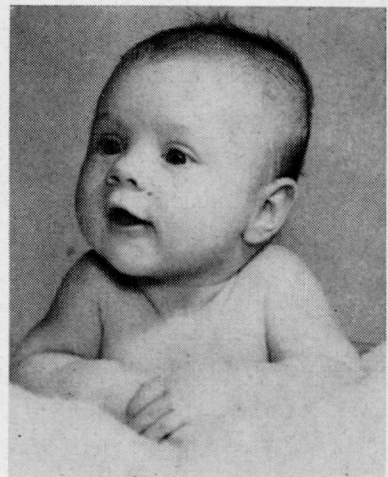
bagged a deer this season. We were especially glad for Chuck as this has been his 11th year of hunting and his first deer. . . The boys over in the Lab are planning a party at Heartwellville Lodge this year, steak dinner with all the trimmings. . . At Beaver Street plans were under way for a party also. This one was held at the Taconic Teahouse on December 8th. . . Congratulations to Sam Unsworth and Frances O'Neil of the Beaver Street office on their recent engagement. . . Bill Sakowski, husband of Ethel, recently returned from Germany and is now discharged from the Army. Ethel is positively glowing these days. . . Walt Gould our supervisor recently became a grandfather. Tempus fugit, Walt. . . Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Calix Roy, parents of Bea Pierce, who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. . . At Brown Street, Sally Herrington spent the last week of her vacation moving to another house. . . Our Brown and Beaver Street foreman, Pete Mancuso, has quite a judicial air about him these days. Pete has been on jury duty for the entire month of November. . . we would like to express our appreciation to Louise Bass who does such a good job giving us the Beaver Street news each month.

Retail Sales

by Betty Jangrow

Elaine Shippee brought in a Monkey she had made from a pair of men's socks, she created such a sensation that the girls started to order them from her for gifts for Children's birthdays and Christmas, she had so many orders that the girls decided to make a few themselves, so far she has completed 8 and helped each girl cut the pattern in our department. The girls work on them during rest period and at home, some of the others have been knitting. They are a very industrious crew and it proved fun for all. . . Several of us have been attending the home economic course, it has proven very interesting and helpful. Each Tuesday we have additional interested people. . . Our Christmas party held at the Taconic Tea House proved to be a gala affair.

"Now when did you find that out?" queries tiny 4 months old Donna Marie Rancatti, daughter of Dolly, Sprague Products and Pete, Check Inspection Ceramics, grandfather Pete Sr., Pipe Shop.



Each girl a fashion plate is true of the girls of Retail Sales. Mario Magnani who had charge of the arrangements deserves a lot of credit for a job well done. The party was held for present personnel and ex-co-workers. . . Lena Copeland had a wonderful time at the 20 year party as guest of her husband James Copeland of Brown St. Plant Engineering. . . Gayle Lavigne's daughter of Lorraine and Gerry Lavigne celebrated her 4th birthday December 12th.

Christmas party held for former employees of the Wire Coating Department, Monday Dec. 3rd. All local plants of Sprague Electric were represented at a Christmas party for the former Wire Coating Dept. Eva Faour and Betty Jangrow, Lucille Miller of Brown St, Pete Le Page of the Bennington Plant, Mr. C. Earle Washburn was our guest as were Sam Unsworth and his fiancée of Beaver St. Sam was Wire Coatings Check Inspector when he returned from the Service. Mr. and Mrs. Sealie Kent and Raymond Colo were among the guests. It was grand to renew old acquaintances at the Pine Brook Club.

Payroll, Tabulating and Factory Accounting

by Agnes McDonough

Ceil Roy lucky again; this time it was a pretty Christmas apron. . . If this keeps up we will have to nick name her, "Lucky". . . All are getting in the holiday spirit. Parties have been profuse and our department had a very merry, jolly time at our Christmas party at Petey Dink's on December 15th. . . A speedy recovery is our wish for Millie Ottman who is ill at her home. We miss you Millie and hope it won't be too long before you are back with us. . . Sherlock Holmes where are you? Ed Letourneau and Mary Meehan have been searching for over a week for some records and so far all that's been found is a large bump on Ed's head and mice tracks by Mary. . . Edith Maynard is spending her vacation doing her Christmas shopping. Good idea, Edith! . . . I would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! . . . P.S. Irene what about the cake???

Machine Shop

by John Walsh

The 6th Annual Christmas Party of Lodge No. 1794 I.A.M. was held at Petey Dinks on Saturday, December 8th. 75 employees of the Machine Shop, their wives and lady friends attended. M.C. for the evening was Charles E. Gray. Remarks were made by President Raymond Bass and Harry Cassidy. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Velte of Pittsfield, who have just returned from their honeymoon. During the dinner each one present received a gift. Three door prizes were also given. Following the dinner group singing, dancing and a social hour were enjoyed. Lloyd Saunders, Frank Pushee and John Gifford made up the committee for the Dinner arrangements. . . This month also saw the engagement of Richard Belford to Frances Boulais, both of Pittsfield. The wedding has been set for January 26th.

Filters

by Alice Monette and Marge Richer

John Smith and Chick Jayne had a winter week with which to wind up their vacations. Hope they were able to enjoy it anyway. . . With the deer hunting season over in Vt., Billy Currant emerges as the only lucky hunter in the Filter Dept. Congratulations, Billy. Norm Blair says he really doesn't mind because the deer will be bigger and better next year. Sour grapes, Norm? . . . Sara Blake's father was also lucky and his picture is on a different page showing his kill. . . This reporter had a happy surprise. Many of you have heard of Helen Menard's good news, but for those of you who haven't—Helen's

husband, who was critically injured in an automobile accident and was near death last year at this time, has recovered enough, that he is able to work part time. Knowing the extent of his injuries we can't help but feel how wonderful this world is... Betty Fleury reminds us that Nov. 19th marked the Filters fifth anniversary on Marshall St. Makes us realize how time passes so fast.

Round Midget Assembly

by Jennie Garceau

Peggy Daub has toured during her vacation, attending the Ice Capades in Springfield among other things. It goes without saying that Tony Tovani enjoyed his vacation which he took during deer season. As our column went to press we had no report on his hunting prowess, but hope to be able to report next month that he was among the lucky deer slayers... The girls in our department are engaged in a different type of hunting—Christmas gifts... Hope Santa is good to everyone and that you all get what is on your Christmas list, plus a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year... We are preparing for our Christmas party to be held at Petey Dink's and are all looking forward to having a very good time... Glad we will have our sick co-workers with us... Clara Pero is still on sick leave. We miss her and hope she will hurry and get well... Diets are being put aside until after the Holidays. Alvina Moreau and Edna Mahar are having difficulty trying to find the right sizes; it seems wearing apparel is running on the small size for these two ladies. However, we realize Edna does have her own fashion on shoes... An unexpected visitor to our department recently was a cute little yellow kitten. Claire Tapella, Pearl Berti, Mary Guzzi and Ray Wellspeak plied him generously with the noonday lunches consisting of milk and other goodies. After such a satisfying meal he curled up on a green pillow and took a nap... Pauline Dupuis is out on leave... Josephine Piantoni, Rachel Herzog, Joan Giroux have left us for awhile as has Romona Turgeon... Lucy Gilmore, Alice Dupuis are now at Brown Street. Greetings from all to you, girls.

F. P. Ovens and Cover Assembly

by Marguerite Daub

John Miller and Mrs. Miller celebrated their 39th anniversary on Dec. 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of four children and the grandparents of five girls. Mrs. Miller is Viola of the Beaver St. plant. We all wish you at least 39 more years just as happy as the past 39... We all wish Lena Duchame who is still in the hospital a speedy recovery... Our foreman Frank Gasset is enjoying his third weeks vacation now... Proper Lussier is just back from his... Another couple to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary was Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roy on Nov.



Joseph Paul, 21 months; Linda, 6 months and Marianne, 3½ years, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vitro. Father works in Automatic Rolling, Marshall.

11th. Mr. Roy is Freddie from the ovens. They are the parents of two sons and grandparents to a son.

Shipping

by Cecile Trudeau

Welcome back to work June Chenail. Hope you like working on the day shift... We are pleased to hear that Esther Chilson is convalescing favorably following an appendectomy operation... Louis Testa is feeling so much better that he is planning on returning to work soon... Nanette Trimarchi attended the Military Ball held at the Adams Armory, Nov. 30th... Joanne Saltamartini went to New York for a week-end recently. While there, she did some Christmas shopping and took in a few plays... Stanley Pasierbiak, Ellen Crocker, Cecile Trudeau and Ann Tremblay have enjoyed vacations during the month of December... We wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year... Welcome back to work, Julia Morrissey, who has been out on sick leave. Hope you feel much better.

Small Order

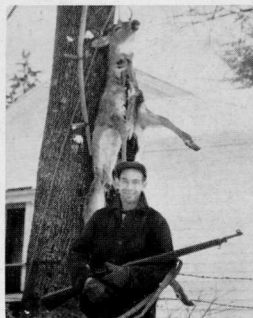
by Eloise Brown

Well folks, people in our room are getting the old Christmas spirit. Everyone is coming in with gay, colorful packages... Our friend "Don" Arigoni is on vacation. From what I hear he will be glad to be back, must be he misses all the good looking gals he kids with!... The girls who have been taking advantage of the Home Economics classes have been coming back with some marvelous ideas for the holidays. Even I learned how to cook a turkey the correct way... Well folks that's about it on the news this month. Everyone seems to be too busy to talk to me.

Sprague International Ltd.

by Suzanne T. Lemieux

Friday November 9 could just as well have been a Friday the 13th as Myrna Harvey, amid shrieks of dismay, rolled off her chair to the floor, and Beverly Sherman stopped just



Harry Blake, father of Sara of Filters, proudly displays the 160 lb. 5 pt. buck he shot in Pownal, Vermont.



Pictured on their wedding day are Carol Cooper of Payroll and Harvey Richard. Carol's parents, James, is in the Machine Shop, and mother, Rita, is in F. P. Drys.

in time from biting into a surprise element in her apple... For an example of stamina, we have but to look at our own Myrna who spent her week's vacation (November 12) in the cold hills of Vermont where she hoped to prove her hunting abilities. Unfortunately, the local "bucks" sensed sure disaster from her marksmanship and, in a true spirit of co-operation, remained in seclusion during her stay... The lure of a bubble bath was too much for Anastasia, the little Angora kitten living at the Sherman's and in she dived. Annie is now all safe and dry (and her curiosity probably cured), thanks to Beverly's prompt rescue... Rose and Al Richard spent a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday with relatives in Athol... Marilyn LoPresto wore an orchid gown on December 1 when she served as matron-of-honor for her cousin, Diane Girard, at St. Patrick's Church in Williamstown... Since they were visiting their families for the Thanksgiving holiday, Marie Roy and her cunning little son Bruce, of Greenfield, and Betty (Saltamartini) Sanguinet, of Roseville, Michigan, paid us a short but pleasant visit on November 23... John Silvia's devotion to Boy Scout Troup 63 of Stamford could very well earn him the title of "Den Father". Jack spends much of his time with the Troop as Assistant Scout Master and, on November 29, was in charge of the dining-room at a Pancake and Sausage Supper which they held. Bertha Richards and her youngsters will vouch for the culinary talents of Troop 63.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmela Mancuso

Now that the Thanksgiving Holiday is over, after being thoroughly enjoyed by all, everyone is getting excited over Christmas and busy trying to get all their shopping done in time... Adrian Darling was lucky to bag an eight point buck in Vermont during deer season. He also plans to try his luck in our state when the season starts... We extend our welcome mat to Betty Poirot. Hope you will like working with us... It was nice working with Arline Montgomery during



"Look, Mommy, I'm walking" cries Donald Duprea, nephew of Mary Duprea of Hi-Reliability and Fran Miles of Rolling, Beaver.

her short stay in our department. She was transferred back to Brown Street... We wonder how Nickie Fulginiti is making out in attempting to learn the words and music to "Autumn Leaves". Do you think you may be singing it to us soon, Nickie?... Wishing one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

F. P. Assembly

by Grace McConnell

Ronnie Dean attended his cousin's wedding at Claremont, New Hampshire... Minnie Hamlin's son Leonard came home for Thanksgiving but had to return to the Albany Veterans Hospital, where he is a patient. We hope the next time he will be home fully recovered... Hazel Russell had a family reunion at Thanksgiving; her son and daughter came home from Manchester, N.H. and her other son from Dalton, Mass... We wish to tell Yvonne Griffin how much we miss her. She has left after 15 years in Sprague's to marry a fellow from Springfield. The wedding was held on Thanksgiving day. Best of luck from all of us... Emma Eastman went to Wolfboro, N. H. over Thanksgiving where she saw her granddaughter who is 4 months old, for the first time... Welcome back to Norma Morrissey who was a former co-worker 5 years ago... Emma Vivori spent Thanksgiving at her daughter's, Mrs. Frank Gasset at East Hartford, Conn.

Filter Development Dept.

by Julia Desrosiers

We wish everyone a happy holiday. We hope Yvette DuBois enjoys her vacation and a trip to Burlington, Vt... It sure looks like Christmas with everyone coming in at noon with packages... We heard Jean Wheelers little son, Leslie, is redecorating her furniture. Hand painting her chair, but Mama didn't like the color... We hope Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Konopka and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey DuBois many more happy anniversaries. They both celebrated their 27th year in November... Ray Belding and Donald Jones were lucky; they both shot a nice deer in New Hampshire.

Misc. Drys—Western Electric (Test and Ship)

by Emily Wlodyska and Ella Genesi

Our belated Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Calix Roy (parents of Don Roy our Supervisor) on their Golden Wedding Anniversary which they observed Saturday Nov. 24th. God willing here's hoping that they are able to share many more happy years together... We were happy to hear that Louis Daub's youngster is recuperating very favorably after being hospitalized for a few weeks, for second degree burns he received recently... Edythe Teichert who in company with her husband Art, spent a very enjoyable week-end recently visiting her son Bob who is in boot training in Bainbridge, Md... Both your reporters want to take this opportunity in wishing the "Log Staff" and everyone in the Department a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Advertising

by Janice Harriman

To all my Advertising pals Men, boys, women and gals I would at this time like to state Your help with this column has been great. You've given me all the pertinent data Your lavish praise put me on an upper strata. It's really been fun writing the news Even though sometimes the joke was on you. I hope our column will continue to rate And may it never be sedate, So thanks to each and every one Who helped make our Column filled with fun.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year I'll be back in '57 never you fear!

Happy Birthday

December 2 Marion Sherman
3 Tottie Choquette
3 Margaret Perreault
4 Mary Bua
5 Hazel Russell
6 Ruth Arighine
6 Robert Barbutto
6 Josephine Piantoni
6 Vilma Lincoln
9 Margaret Jobin
9 Cecil Mikuczewski
10 Harry Embrj Jr.
10 Rose Lancto
10 Rory Cook
10 Johanna Kayser
11 Howard Fix
12 Carol Barslow
12 Lillian Gainer
13 Margaret Fitzgerald
15 Gisella Blake
16 Mary Pellerin
19 Betty Battersby
20 Mildred Waterman
20 Clara Pero
20 Laura Delisle
21 Philip Talarico
21 Donald Lapine
27 Carmela Mancuso
28 Elizabeth Hamilton
30 Delphine Regaioli
30 Amelia Couture



What is it—a new found photo of the "twenties". No—just a group of girls from Retail Sales providing some very humorous entertainment at a recent meeting of the Rosary Sodality of St. Francis Church. The girls are: Avalina King, Dolores Domenichini, Patricia Welch and Barbara King. Brings back memories, doesn't it?



A group of girls from BTA held a surprise party for Frances Roy on her 25th wedding anniversary.



The girls in Retail Sales recently discovered a very interesting and enjoyable hobby—making toy monkeys out of stockings. It all started when Elaine Shippee happened to be working on one for a Church Bazaar. How quickly it caught on can be witnessed in the above picture, with Giselle Blake, Elaine, Elinore Goffard and Barbara King all working on the dolls.

Baby Talk---

- Nov. 14, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martelle, son
- Nov. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Forist McLain, son
- Nov. 18, Mr. and Mrs. James Braymen, daughter
- Nov. 23, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorel, son
- Nov. 23, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Bennett, daughter
- Nov. 25, Mr. and Mrs. David Beighley, son
- Nov. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Rice, daughter
- Nov. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Senecal, daughter

Anniversaries . . .

- November 11, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roy, 25th.
- November 20, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Day, 2nd.
- November 22, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Felix, 10th.
- November 23, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Banas, 21st.
- November 24, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Chouinard, 24th.
- November 24, Mr. and Mrs. John Totino, 24th.
- November 25, Mr. and Mrs. An-

- drew Konopka, 27th.
- November 26, Mr. and Mrs. John Silvia, 1st.
- November 26, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Monette, 32nd.
- November 27, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey DuBois, 27th.
- November 28, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golden, 37th.
- December 1, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, 39th.

"I Do" Notes

- Nov. 17, Patricia LaPreta and Dominic Pedulla
- Nov. 17, Angelina Romea and Stuart Cheney
- Nov. 21, Nancy Dellings and David Gauthier
- Nov. 24, Carol Cooper and Harvey Richards
- Nov. 24, Julia Lasson and Richard Peterson

Going My Way

Shirley Jennings and Charles Lincoln
Mary Blair and Roy Bentley

Mr. Payson's Satirical Christmas

(Continued from Page 5)

"You have made me very happy, dear brother. I feel more closely drawn to you than at any time since we were all together at Christmas, at the old home. Come and see me. Your loving sister,
Gertrude."

III

"Dear Brother"
"Greetings to you from the happiest household in town, thanks to a generous Santa Claus in the guise of Uncle Sidney. I must begin by thanking you on my own account. How in the world did you ever learn that Roman colors have come in again? I have always heard that men did not follow the styles and could not be trusted to select anything for a woman, but it is a libel, for the scarf which you sent me is quite the most beautiful thing I have received this Christmas. I have it draped over the large picture in the parlor, and it is the envy of everyone who has been in today. A thousand, thousand thanks, dear Sidney. It was perfectly sweet of you to remember me, and I call it nothing less than a stroke of genius to think of anything so appropriate and yet so much out of the ordinary."

"John asks me to thank you—but I must tell you the story. One evening last week we had a little chafing dish party after prayer meeting, and I asked John to open a bottle



Wishing all of his former friends at Sprague Electric a Merry Christmas by sketching the above greeting was Victor Pedrin, who while at Sprague's was in Pulse Transformers. We in turn, wish Vic, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year too!

Christmas...

by Doris Williams

Christmas is a merry time—and we'll all happy be,
But let's not think of Christmas—as presents around a tree;
May it hold more for each of us, than the giving of a gift,
But in our hearts, may we look back, and let our own thoughts drift
To a picture of a caravan on the way to Jerusalem,
Among them Mary and Joseph, along with the least of them.
They are weak and tired from travel, not feeling happy nor gay,
For Mary, it's a painful trip, for she knows this is the day
When she will have the baby, who will be a King and then
Will have to leave his loved ones to go back to heaven again!
They stopped at the inn, their answer

of olives for me. Well, he broke the small blade of his knife trying to get the cork out. He said: 'If I live to get downtown again, I'm going to buy a corkscrew.' Fortunately he had neglected to buy one, and so your gift seemed to come straight from Providence. John is very much pleased. Already he has found use for it, as it happened that he wanted to open a bottle of household ammonia the very first thing this morning.

"As for Fred's lovely books, thank goodness you didn't send him any more story books. John and I have been trying to induce him to take up a more serious line of reading. The Josephus ought to help him in the study of his Sunday school lessons. We were pleased to observe that he read it for about an hour this morning."

"When you were out here last fall did Genevieve tell you that she was collecting silk for a doll quilt? She insists that she did not, but she must have done so, for how could you have guessed that she wants pieces of silk above anything else in the world? The perfectly lovely cravats which you sent will more than complete the quilt, and I think that mamma will get some of the extra pieces for herself. Fred and Genevieve send love and kisses. John insists that you come out to dinner some Sunday very soon—next Sunday if you can. After we received your presents we were quite ashamed of the box we had sent over to your hotel, but we will try to make up the difference in heart-felt gratitude. Don't forget—any Sunday. Your loving sister,
Katherine."

It would be useless to tell what Mr. Sidney Payson thought of himself after he received these letters.

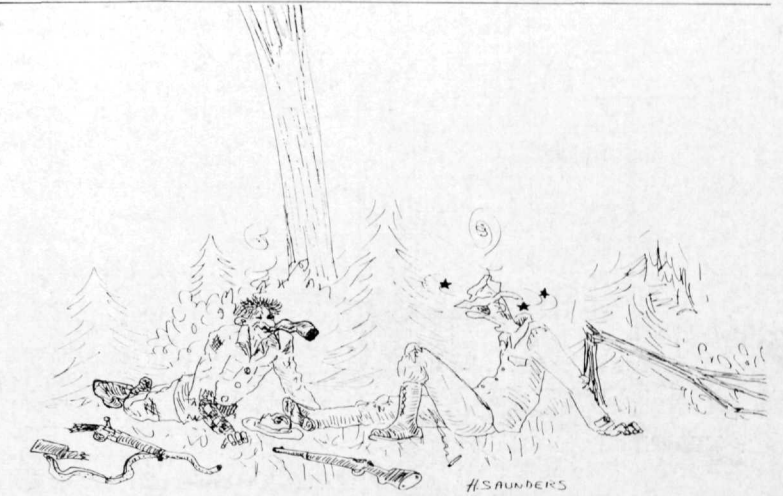
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"Christmas Decorations"—the subject for the December 11 noontime discussion period which is offered each Tuesday by the Berkshire County Extension Service, was enjoyed by a number of women from our plants. In the above group, Ruth Yarter of Payroll makes an experiment under the watchful eye of Mrs. Helen Johnson, County Home Demonstration Agent. Admiring a colorful decoration are Mrs. Jean Hermansen, Associate County Home Demonstration Agent, Laura Cardinal of Research and Engineering, and Deborah Grace also of R. & E.

being that there was no room,
Can you picture with me the anguish
as their hearts are filled with gloom?
Then they were offered a Stable,
where Mary could make her a bed,
And Christ was born in a Manger no
pillow, but hay instead.
The Star of the East then beckoned
the Wise Men to where He lay
This precious Christ, our Redeemer,
the One that was born on that day.
And so as we think of this picture and
in our thoughts relive
The Birth of Christ at Christmas, may
it guide the gift we would give.



"Are you sure that was the call of a lovesick Moose?"



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